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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PREPARATIONS FOR DECEMBER NAC MINISTERIAL

- 1. DURING NOVEMBER 14 CALL, MFA NATO OFFICE CHIEF (DA RIN)
  REVIEWED WITH EMBASSY OFFICER THE STATE OF THE ALLIANCE IN AFTERMATH
  OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. CHOOSING NOT TO ENGAGE IN RECRIMINATIONS
  ABOUT WHO SHOULD HAVE DONE WHAT DURING THE CONFLICT AND AT THE TIME
  OF THE US ALERT, DA RIN NEVERTHELESS EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD NOT
  BE PRACTICAL TO EXPECT THE ALLIES TO ACT AS THOUGH NOTHING HAS
  HAPPENED AND TO CONTINUE WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL. HE EXPRESSED
  GREAT APPRECIATION FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS AT THE NPG
  MEETING, BUT SAID THE DECEMBER NAC MINISTERIAL WOULD PRESENT
  THE FIRST REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR A GENERAL STOCKTAKING.
- 2. DA RIN INDICATED THAT HE WOULD SHORTLY BEGIN WORK ON FOREIGN MINISTER MORO'S NAC PRESENTATION, BUT THAT HE WAS FRANKLY AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT ITS THEME SHOULD BE. HE SAID IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO THE ITALIANS, AND INDEED OF POSSIBLE MUTUAL BENEFIT, IF WE COULD PRIVATELY INFORM HIM BEFOREHAND THE APPROACH THE US PLANNED TO TAKE AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.
- 3. COMMENT: FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, WE SEE MANY ADVANTAGES IN ATTEMPTING TO COMPLY WITH DA RIN'S REQUEST, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PASS ON. VOLPE

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